(b) if so, the total land distributed to the SCs/STs in pursuance of the said recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Loan for welfare of weaker sections in Assam

5270. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched and implemented.various schemes/programmes to provide loan facilities under NSFDC for the welfare of SCs, STs, other weaker and backward sections of the society in the State of Assam during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of fund allocated and released for the above purpose during this period; and

(d) the total number of persons benefited till date, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The government are implementing various programmes through NSFDC for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State of Assam.

(b) to (d) Details are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 123]

Drug-addiction among the Youth

5271. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that drug-addiction, particularly amongst the youth, is spreading day by day in the country;

(b) whether Government have, so far, conducted any study, particularly amongst university students, in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the findings, State-wise;

(d) whether the United Nations has also extended its cooperation financially/technically to combat/check drug-addiction in the country; and